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THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF FOOTBALL

Sol Metzger, Coach of Washington and Jefferson Team Tells
of Many Funny Happenings in the Game—Some Coach-
es Take the Game Too Seriously, But Fail to Reap the
Benefits of the Game.

After all is said and written about college football and its fighting spirit there is a good deal of humor and fun in the game. College spirit and tradition, which center about football, share this alike with the game itself. I recall playing in a game against Brown on a soggy field. A run was sent at my end and in talking the interference I skidded through this on my forehead until both eye sockets were filled with mud. I got up, scooped it out with my right hand and flung it from me. To my amazement I had tossed the whole lump into the open mouth of a Brown half back.

That player, righteously indignant and as hard pressed for breath as I had just been for sight, managed to expel most of it. Then he began a tirade—and a just one of my dirty trick. But I could not refrain from seeing the humor of it and, in spite of his anger, was overflowing with laughter. Fortunately he soon got my view of the incident, also saw the humor of it and joined me in laughing it off. "Some shot!" was his comment.

Once upon a time there was a college football coach who swore in deep tones and in a most profound way when he was coaching a certain team. The boys under him soon learned that his profanity was due to excitement and that no harm was meant by it. But the faculty—the faculty took up arms to stop it. This august body appointed one of its oldest and longest-in-service members to remonstrate with the coach. He sought him out the next day and spoke rather touchingly upon the subject. It was a strong appeal.

The coach, who knew his fault and who really wanted to cast it from him, was non-plussed for a reply. Then his eyes twinkled and in a softer voice he said to the eminent Doctor of Laws, "Dr. did you ever work on a farm boy?" "Yes, sir," answered the Doctor. "Then, Dr., did you ever drive a team of stubborn mules?" "Yes, sir," said the coach, "then you must know how I feel when I'm coaching."

"Well, well, well," sputtered the kindly Doctor, "I thought you were in just that way. Well, well, well, I really don't know just what to say."

College loyalty reaches great extremes during a football season. This fall nearly everyone read of the Allegheny college students who bumbled

their way on freight trains from Meadville, Pa., to Pittsburgh, and back to cheer their team in its annual game with Carnegie Tech. I was telling Tiny Maxwell, the referee, about it. "That's nothing," said Maxwell, "a year or so ago I had an appointment to officiate in a game at the Naval Academy and on my arrival there that morning with the other officials we were asked to handle a morning game between the teams of St. John's Military Academy and Maryland Agricultural College. We were glad to help out especially when we learned that this was a big game for these colleges."

When we got over to St. John's we met a sorry looking lot of boys. They looked like bums. But we learned that they were students from M. A. C., who, lacking the car fare, had walked all night to be there in the morning to cheer their team. When they met the St. John's students they asked if they could wash up. The latter met them more than half way and told them they would also give them their breakfast. Believe me, they ate one.

"Then they went up to the students' rooms to wait for the game. Seeing inviting beds they excused themselves to take a nap. Well, when the game was over they were awakened by the cheers. They were the most heart-broken crowd you ever saw when they rushed out of the college buildings to take in the game only to learn that the cheers they heard were the aftermath of the struggle."

When I was coaching West Virginia we played Marietta college in Clarksburg late in November. The morning of the game the team lounged around in their hotel rooms and were ordered to report in the hotel lobby an hour before hand to go in a special car to the field. Near the end of the first half one of our ends was hurt and I began hunting for his substitute. But he was not in sharp tones. "Where's the boy hurt?" he asked. "Between the halves the substitute turned up."

"Where in the devil have you been?" I asked him in sharp tones. "In the hotel," he stammered, "I fell asleep down at the hotel and never woke up until five minutes ago."

A good many years ago W. & J. played the Princeton team at Princeton. One year W. & J. thought it had a mighty good chance and one of its alumni went down to take the game. They were all covered. At the start of the game the W. & J. eleven made

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a great drive down the field almost to the shadow of Princeton's goal, ere it was stopped.

During this advance the Princeton students got back of the team and under the direction of the Princeton cheerers, kept up an incessant cheering for a stand. One of the Princeton cheerers shouted a shout which was the signal for a touchdown. "Princeton—Princeton—Princeton!"

When the backer of the W. & J. team heard this voluminous yell he mistook it for the sang expression: "We're stung!" Jumping up in his seat he could not resist shouting at the backer of the Princeton team: "You're—right—you're stung!"

As it was Princeton held and then gave up. The game was a draw. Near the end of that game and when Princeton was to receive a kick-off its coaches sent a substitute into the backfield. He was small and both his ankles and wrists were wrapped in bandages. When John Duffey, the W. & J. end, was to kick-off he asked his captain to let him kick the ball. Being anxious to avert greater disaster the latter said to him: "Shoot it to that little cripple who just came in. He's a fellow who lacks a ball, being no other than Eddie Dillon, star quarterback, ran the ball back for a touchdown."

Football is so full of innumerable incidents and humor of this kind that it would be well to compile them in book form. The game, as most people know it, is not a very serious sport, but it is a very serious side, just as has war, but that which carries it and redeems it, that which saves it, is its lighter vein as well. True, it has its stern and most serious side, just as has war, but that which carries it and redeems it, that which saves it, is its humor and its fun. In fact, no sport is a sport unless it has these qualities playing a prominent part in its life.

True, some coaches and some players do take football far too seriously but those who do not, who play it for fun and those who love it best as a game are those who get the most fun—sport—out of its every action. After all, this is the sort of thing which gives football its strongest hold on the American people. We, as a nation, hate the sport, but we love it as a game and a balance, same balance being a proper and due regard for the fun that can be had out of the most serious things in life.

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FORMER HARVARD STAR
RECEIVES COMMISSION

Bradlee to Serve as an Officer in the Regular Army.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 26.—All the members of Harvard's most football combination—Brickley, Mahan, Hardwick and Bradlee—now in training for an assault on the Hindenburg line. Frederick J. Bradlee, Jr., mentioned in 1913 and 1914 in the leading selections for "All American" halfback, has just received word that he has passed the examinations for a commission in the regular army and is to report at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for further training.

While Bradlee was a great ground runner and interferer, he was better known as one of the best defensive backs in the game.

WESTERN FOOTBALL.

Thanksgiving Marks the Close of the Gridiron Season in the West.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Football will be placed on the shelf in the West this week with Thanksgiving games and benefit contests between army elevens.

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more than 40 years ago. Six days of racing were from about 1875, when a 12 hour a day affair was run in Birmingham, England. A little while later one of the 18 hours a day was held in London. The first invasion of America took place in 1879.

Peter Duryea and Jack Haverly brought over a team from Europe and gave exhibitions and rode six day races, of three and six hours a day, on roller skating floors in New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities.

In 1886 Tom Eck constructed the first track having banked or raised corners in a hall at Springfield, Ill. This was the first time the riders were able to make turns at full speed.

The first real six day race in America was held in the Washington viaduct, Minneapolis, Minn., long before they rode these races on the island of Manhattan. Albert Shock won with 1,405 miles. W. T. (Senator) Norman was second, Louis Armand was third.

The first six day race ever held in Madison Square Garden was in 1891, 17 riders starting and riding 24 hours a day. "Plunger Bill" Martin of Lowell, Mass., won with 1,146 miles. He rode on an old style ordinary wheel.

Charles Ashinger, on a high wheel won in 1892, while in 1893 Albert Shock won on a safety bicycle. There was no race in 1894. In 1894 a woman's race was contested and was won by Frankie Nelson.

Again in 1896 the man's race was resumed and Teddy Hale from Ireland won, while Charlie Miller of Chicago accounted for the races in 1897 and 1898. In 1899 the authorities passed a law prohibiting the contestants from riding more than 12 hours a day. Team racing was then taken up.

The first team contest was won by Charlie Miller and Frank (Dutch) Waller. They covered 7,333 miles and four laps, a record that stood until 1908, when McFarland and Stotolander won with a total mileage of 1,737 miles and one lap. The late Harry Elkes and Floyd McFarland won the following year and in 1901 the race was won by Walthour and McElshern. George Leander and Floyd Krebs won in 1902. Walthour repeated in 1903 with Benny Munro as a partner.

Eddie Root won his first six day race in 1904, his partner being Oliver Dorton. Root repeated the next year, but this time his mate was Joe Fogler, the Brooklyn cyclist. Fogler and Root won again in 1906. The following year was inaugurated a foreign team won the race in 1907, when Walter Rutt of Germany and John Stot of Holland came home in front. Floyd McFarland again put his name among the winners in 1908 when, with Moran as his partner, he won and established a new six day record of 2,737 miles and one lap.

In 1910 McFarland started with Jackie Clarke and Rutt and Stot as his mate. McFarland and Stot retired and Rutt and Clarke paired up. They not only regained the lap they were penalized at a lap each at the finish. Eddie Root and Jimmy Moran won in 1910.

The 1911 race saw Frank Kramer in his first six day race and he had Jimmy Moran as his partner. The best they could do, however, was to finish in second place a lap behind the winners. Clarke and Fogler, Fogler was again a member of the winning team the following year. His partner was Walter Rutt, the demon Dutchman, who recently was killed in the European war.

The 1913 race brought Alfred Goulet to the fore. With Fogler as his mate the pair carried off the honors. Goulet also accounted for the 1914 race with Alfred Genda as his partner.

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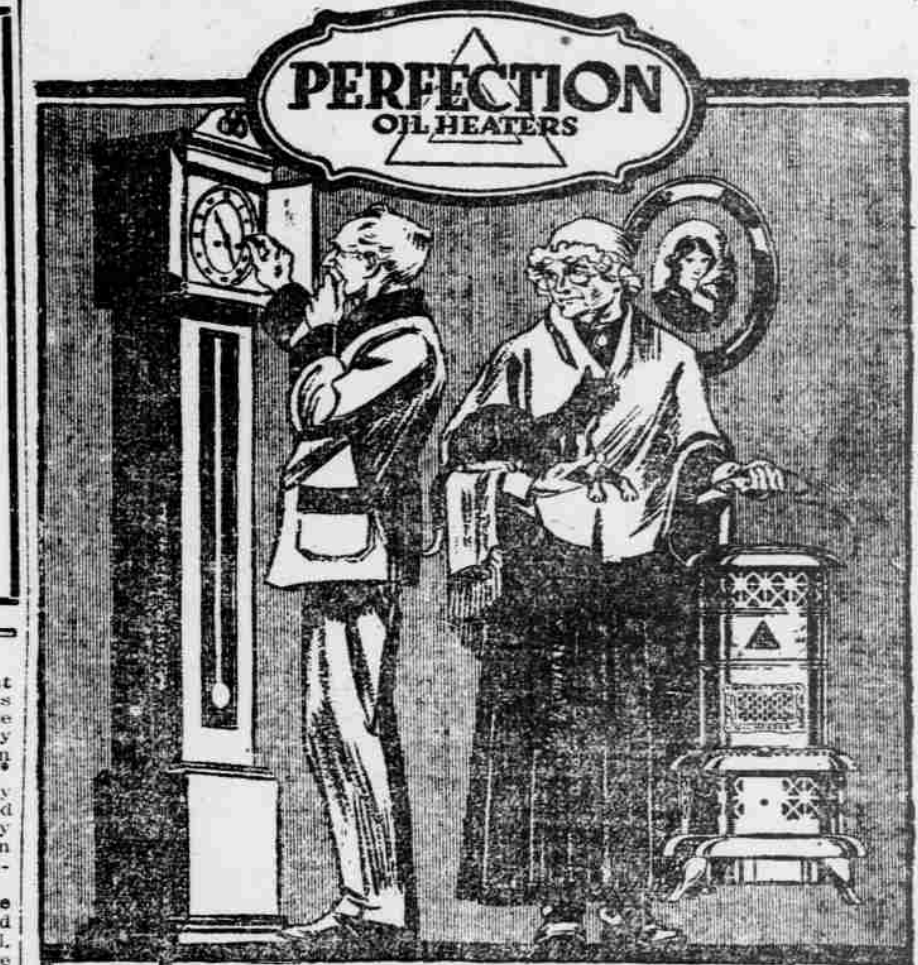
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Fox, Babe Ruth is the hardest hitter in the American league.

Ty Cobb is laying out baseball fields at Camp Hancock, Augusta, for the use of military army recruits.

The Giants dropped twenty-two games by one run during the 1917 campaign. They dropped seven games that went into extra innings.

The American League has decided to cut out exhibition games in the spring with the National League Good idea!

Leon Cadore of the Brooklyn club is the only major league ball player who is enrolled in the national army at the Yaphank camp.

The only National League player who broke up two close games against the Giants was none other than Jim Thorpe, who finished the season with McGraw's team. Jim

turned the trick while playing with the Reds.

It is reported that the Robins and Red Sox will play another series on their way home from the training camps, as they did before the 1917 season, when both teams were champions.

Bill Donovan will attend the big meeting of baseball men, which opens today at Louisville and it is possible that he may land a managerial position for 1918 before the meeting comes to a close.

Willie Doak of the Cardinals was the pitcher upon whom the Giants did their best work. McGraw's men took Doak's measure no less than six times and they nicked Burleigh Grimes for five victories. No other pitcher was reached for more than four victories. Sherrod, Smith, Phil Douglas, Eppa Rixey and Jimmy Lavender were in this class.

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Small, Bowdoin Captain.
Brunswick, Maine, Nov. 26.—Reginald T. Small of Westbrook today was re-elected captain of Bowdoin College football eleven. He has played center two seasons.

Kunz Outposts Palitz.
Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 26.—Battling Kunz outposts Palitz of Palitz of New London in six rounds of a scheduled twenty round fight here tonight. Weights, Kunz 125; Palitz 145.

SIX DAY BIKE RACE
AN OLD SPORT.
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Interest in the forthcoming six day bike race is growing apace. The annual winter sport classic will be held at Madison Square Garden, New York, the week of Dec. 1-8.

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May	121 1/2	121 3/4	121 1/4	121 1/2
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Aug	121 1/2	121 3/4	121 1/4	121 1/2
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